



Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 26, 2011

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Texas Consumer Association was founded to represent individuals and small businesses on pocketbook issues. For over 40 years, TCA has provided information and testimony on legislation that influences the family budget, intervened on behalf of consumers through regulatory proceedings, and offered information to the public regarding issues that affect personal finances and quality of life. From utility regulation to real estate to taxes, TCA has been a valuable presence for Texans.

The Texas Consumer Association stays involved with a variety of issues that affect consumers daily, because we believe that an educated and informed consumer can make the best decisions for their families in the areas of electricity, telecommunications, and insurance, among others. In particular, TCA supports a healthy, competitive environment in telecommunications.

With this in mind, we believe that a merger of T-Mobile and AT&T will be good for the individuals and small businesses we represent. This merger will result in increased access to 4G LTE service for Texans, especially those in underserved urban and rural areas. Even after the merger, we believe the wireless market will remain very competitive. Throughout the course of the last several major telecom mergers, detractors have always claimed that costs to the consumer would increase. That has not been the case at all as prices have continued to drop.

For the consumers and small businesses that we serve, we urge you to support this merger.

Sincerely,

Sandie Haverlah
President

CC:

Commissioner Michael Copps, Commissioner Robert McDowell, Commissioner Mignon Clyburn,
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker